

A BILL

To facilitate the procurement of doctors of medicine and doctors of dentistry for the Armed Forces by providing grants and scholarships for education in the medical and dental professions, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
2 the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order
3 to provide a supplementary program for the training and procure-
4 ment of doctors of medicine and doctors of dentistry to meet the
5 needs of the Armed Forces, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary
6 of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, are authorized
7 to establish and provide scholarships annually for the education
8 and training of doctors of medicine and doctors of dentistry.

9 SEC. 2. (a) For the purpose of administration of scholar-
10 ship beneficiaries under the terms of this Act, there are hereby
11 established under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense,

- 12 (1) The Army Medical Services Scholarship Group,
13 (2) The Naval Medical Services Scholarship Group, and
14 (3) The Air Force Medical Services Scholarship Group.

15 (b) Membership in a Medical Services Scholarship Group
16 shall be limited to persons who:

- 17 (1) Are citizens of the United States; and
18 (2) Are selected as provided in Sec. 6 of this Act
19 to be a scholarship beneficiary; and
20 (3) Apparently will be physically, mentally, and

1 morally fit to perform military duty at the time for their
2 appointment to commissioned grade; and

3 (4) Are not receiving education, training, or
4 any other benefits under Parts VII or VIII of Veterans Regulation
5 numbered 1(a) as amended, or under Title II of the Veterans' Re-
6 adjustment Assistance Act of 1952; and

7 (5) Who agree under oath and in writing, with the
8 written consent of the parent or guardian if the beneficiary is a
9 minor, to complete the requirements for graduation, unless relieved
10 from this obligation under regulations prescribed by the Secretary
11 of Defense, and to serve in the Army, Navy or Air Force as provided
12 in Sec. 6.

13 (c) Membership in a Medical Services Scholarship Group,
14 and written agreements related thereto, may be terminated under
15 regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

16 SEC. 3. (a) Members of a Medical Services Scholarship Group
17 enrolled under this Act shall be entitled to receive a monetary
18 allowance at a rate not to exceed \$133.00 per month while under
19 regularly scheduled instruction or training in a school of medicine
20 or a school of dentistry.

21 (b) Any member of a Medical Services Scholarship Group,
22 will not be considered or made eligible for military or veterans
23 benefits of any kind solely by reason of being a member of such
24 group.

1 SEC. 4. The scholarships authorized by this Act shall be
2 provided for by contracts with educational institutions, approved
3 by the Secretary of Defense, offering training leading to degrees
4 in the professions named in Sec. 1 of this Act. In addition to the
5 monetary allowance provided for by Sec. 3 of this Act these contracts
6 and payments by the Government thereunder shall include to each
7 school of medicine and school of dentistry which provides training
8 leading to a degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of dentistry,
9 an amount sufficient to cover tuition, fees, and laboratory expenses
10 normally charged students by the school concerned.

11 SEC. 5. The scholarships provided for herein shall be estab-
12 lished, awarded, continued or discontinued, and the purposes of
13 this Act effectuated pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary
14 of Defense shall prescribe. These regulations shall include, but
15 not be limited to, the following provisions:

16 (1) Qualifications of scholarship beneficiaries;

17 (2) That each scholarship applicant shall be
18 accepted for admission by an approved educational institution offer-
19 ing training leading to degrees in the professions named in Sec. 1
20 of this Act;

21 (3) That prior to the award of such a scholarship
22 any person to be selected for such an award shall agree that upon
23 completion of his scholarship training he will accept an appointment,
24 if tendered, as a reserve officer in the Army, Navy, or Air Force

1 and remain an officer in a regular or reserve component until
2 the eighth anniversary of his original appointment under this
3 Act;

4 (4) The scholarship applicant shall further agree
5 that upon completion of his scholarship training he will serve on
6 active duty, at such time as may be determined by competent author-
7 ity, for the period of time specified in such agreement, which
8 period shall be not less than one year of active duty for each
9 school year or fractional part thereof, for which payments are
10 made on the scholarship beneficiary's behalf pursuant to Sec. 4
11 of this Act not including time spent in internship or residency
12 training, except that if less than three years of payments are
13 made to a beneficiary he may be obliged to serve three years of
14 active duty, two years of which will satisfy active duty require-
15 ments of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended;
16 and

17 (5) The Secretary of the military department con-
18 cerned may select qualified scholarship graduates for appointment
19 as regular officers.

20 SEC. 6. A scholarship graduate may be voluntarily relieved
21 of his active duty obligations under the provisions of this Act if
22 he completes at least three years of active duty, not including
23 time spent as an intern or in residency training, and repays to
24 the United States Government the total amount paid to him or for

1 him by the United States Government under a scholarship contract.
2 Such amounts paid by the scholarship graduate will include interest
3 rates as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe, but such interest
4 rates shall not exceed 6% per annum.

5 SEC. 7. If a scholarship beneficiary fails to complete a
6 course of instruction or training in which he was enrolled as a
7 member of a Medical Services Scholarship Group, or if he fails to
8 remain as a member of such group, he shall be obligated to repay
9 to the United States Government the total amount of tuition, fees,
10 and laboratory expenses normally charged by the school for the
11 period of attendance for the student participant, and the total
12 amount paid to him as monetary allowance plus such rate of interest
13 not to exceed 6% per annum as the Secretary of Defense shall pre-
14 scribe. The Secretary of Defense may, however, in cases of hardship
15 or for other good cause, remit in whole, or part of, the total
16 amount due, or he may authorize a reduction in such amount if the
17 beneficiary voluntarily serves on active duty in the Armed Forces,
18 in such rank or rating as he may be qualified to hold and for such
19 reasonable period of time as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.
20 Such reduction shall be a percentage of the total amount due not
21 greater than the percentage relationship between the number of full
22 months of active duty performed and the total number of months or
23 fractional months for which the scholarship beneficiary received a
24 monetary allowance. Any release from obligation to serve in the

1 Armed Forces, under this Act, if granted, shall apply only with
2 respect to such obligation as is imposed under the provisions of
3 this Act.

4 SEC. 8. To advise the Secretary of Defense concerning the
5 administration of this Act, an Armed Forces Medical Services
6 Scholarship Board is established which is composed of a chairman,
7 appointed by the Secretary of Defense, and the Surgeons General of
8 the Armed Forces.

9 SEC. 9. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated such
10 sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

11 (b) All payments made under this Act may be made with-
12 out regard to Sec. 3648 of the Revised Statutes.

13 SEC. 10. This Act is cited as the "Armed Forces Medical
14 Scholarship Act of 1954."